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Draft decision on the modalities of attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee as well as the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects decides that, with respect to the attendance of non-governmental organizations at the Preparatory Committee and the Conference, attendance will be open to:

(a) Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996. These non-governmental organizations should inform the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee about their interest to attend;

(b) Other interested non-governmental organizations relevant and competent to the scope and the purpose of the Conference provided that requests to do so are submitted to the Chairman of the Committee and are accompanied by information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the Conference. The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee will subsequently provide the Committee with a list of these non-governmental organizations for consideration on a no-objection basis;

(c) Non-governmental organizations accredited through the process specified above may attend meetings of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference, other than those designated as closed;

(d) Representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations will be allowed to address the Preparatory Committee and the Conference during one meeting specifically allocated for this purpose. These meetings will not coincide with other meetings of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference;

(e) Accredited non-governmental organizations will be provided, upon request, with documents related to the Preparatory Committee and to the Conference, and they may, at their own expense, provide material to the delegations,

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outside the conference room, in the area of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference;

(f) Arrangements concerning the accreditation and attendance of non-governmental organizations at the Preparatory Committee and the Conference shall in no way create a precedent for other United Nations conferences.